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SUBJECT: PRE- ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS

DAKAR FOR RDO

1. THE NEXT MEETING OF PARLIAMENT NOW IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, WITH MOST OBSERVERS CONFIDENT THAT IF IT DOES NOT DISSOLVE ON THAT DAY IT WILL BY THE 14 TH. NOMINATION DAY WILL TAKE PLACE 15 DAYS AFTER DISSOLUTION AND THE ELECTION PROBABLY WILL BE HELD IN MID- DAY.

2. TAMBA BONA, THE SELF- STYLED SLPP SECRETARY- GENERAL WAS APPREHENDED LAST WEEK IN KONO WHILE ON A CANDIDATE SELECTION TRIP AND IS NOW BEING DETAINED IN FREETOWN UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

3. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR ISAIAH ADOLF RAY, ACTING EDITOR OF THE OPPOSITION PAPER UNITY, WHOSE OFFICES HAVE BEEN SEALED UP BY THE POLICE. WHILE NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR THE POLICE CLOSING OF UNITY HAS BEEN OFFERED, PRESIDENT STEVENS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE
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ORDERED IT FOLLOWING A UNITY ARTICLE ON " SOLDIERS IN POLITICS". THE ARTICLE WHILE GENERALLY ARGUING AGAINST THEIR INVOLVEMENT EMPHASIZED THE POINT THAT SOMETIMES THEY WERE FORCED TO INTERVENE BECAUSE OF IRRESPONSIBLE CIVILIAN ACTION, E. G., THE STATIONING OF FOREIGN (READ GUINEAN) TROOPS ON THE SOIL OF THE NATION.

4. PRESIDENT STEVENS CURRENTLY IS ON AN EXTEN OF VERIFICATION AT ITS DISPOSAL. EACH SIDE WILL UNDERTAKE NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION OF THE OTHER SIDE AND NOT TO USE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES WHICH IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. THIS OBLIGATION SHALL NOT REQUIRE CHANGES IN CURRENT CONSTRUCTION, ASSEMBLY, CONVERSION, OR OVERHAUL PRACTICES.

9. TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNDERSTANDING, THE SIDES WILL USE THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA OF DECEMBER 21, 1972 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII OF THE TREATY ON THE LIMITATION OF ANTI- BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS.

10. AGREED MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WILL BE OF UNLIMITED DURATION, AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING THAT EITHER SIDE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE UNDERSTANDING IF EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE UNDERSTANDING JEOPARDIZE THE SUPREME INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION.

11. IN WORKING OUT THE UNDERSTANDING LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, OTHER PROPOSALS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVIET- AMERICAN AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED, HAVING AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE THE AGREED POLICY OF BOTH STATES ON CURBING THE RACE IN STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, THEIR LIMITATION AND SUBSEQUENT REDUCTION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY AND INADMISSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE. JOHNSON

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